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Subject **DRAFT Claim Amendments for Discussion During Interview**

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Dear Examiner Maki:

Attached, please find DRAFT claim amendments for discussion during our interview scheduled for March 2, 2004 at 2:00PM. If there is anything else you would like, please contact me.

Very truly yours,

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**DRAFT Claim Amendments for discussion during interview**  
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**In the claims:**

15. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the thermoplastic material on one of the first and second substrates ~~is scattered to form~~ forms, on heating, a saturation layer to receive a basecoat layer.

16. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the thermoplastic material on one of the first and second substrates ~~is scattered to form~~ forms, on heating, a basecoat layer.

17. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein ~~the basecoat is formed by a method including the steps of:~~ the first substrate includes a saturation layer and the thermoplastic scattered onto the first substrate includes a basecoat-forming material, and  
~~scattering a basecoat-forming material as the thermoplastic material onto a saturation layer of the first substrate; and~~  
the applying heat forms wherein the thermoplastic on the first substrate forms, upon the heat applying, a basecoat layer on the saturation layer.

19. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 including the steps of:  
scattering a first thermoplastic material onto a first belt one of said pair of belts;  
and  
applying the first substrate over the first thermoplastic material, wherein the first substrate is not one of said pair of belts,  
wherein said scattering of powder, granules or pellets onto a first substrate comprises scattering a second thermoplastic material onto the first substrate, and  
further wherein said applying heat to fuse the coatings comprises fusing the thermoplastic material to form a backing layer on one face of the first substrate and a saturation or basecoat layer on the other face of the first substrate.